

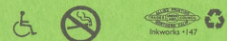
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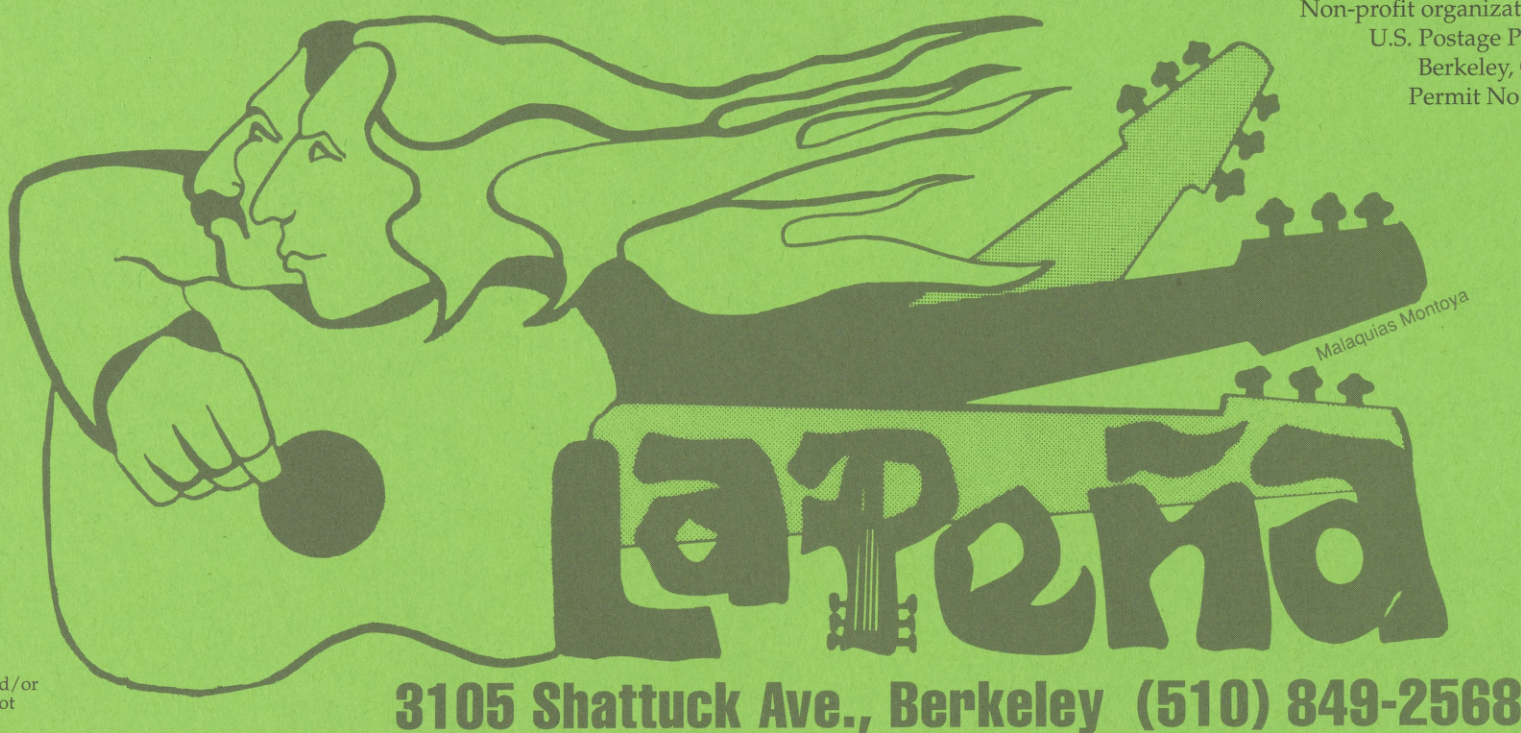
**La Peña
Cultural Center**
Office Hours: Mon. - Fri. 10 - 5 pm
(510) 849-2568

La Tienda Gift Shop
Tues. 12 - 5 pm
Wed. - Sat. 12 - 8 pm
849-2568 ext. 20

Café Vox Populi
Wed. - Sun. 5:30 pm
(510) 548-5514



* indicates that this program is a community rental and/or benefit and that tarjetas (La Peña discount cards) are not valid. Programs subject to change.
La Peña is wheelchair accessible.



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Cultural Center Calendar February 1997

Visit La Peña online at
www.lapena.org
for up-to-date
information about events
and classes.

CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT LA PEÑA

Wed. 5: Open Mic Poetry hosted by Blake Tolbert spoken words accompanied by congas
Fri. Feb. 14: great jazz with Faye Carol and the Kito Gamble Sextet
Wed. 19: Richard Moore, Naru Kwima, and Int'l Black Writers & Artists present Chocolate Paradise
Wed. 26: Open mic poetry, theme: Jazzing up English with Ebonics, hosted by Richard Moore
Fri. 28: Close out Black History month with high spirited dance music from Africa with Amandla Poets

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1 CHILDREN'S PROGRAM
10:30AM

BAILE/DANCE
Dr. Loco's Rockin'
Jalapeño Band
cumbias, salsa, y más
9:30pm \$8

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LUN - MON

MAR - TUE

MIER - WED

JUEV - THURS

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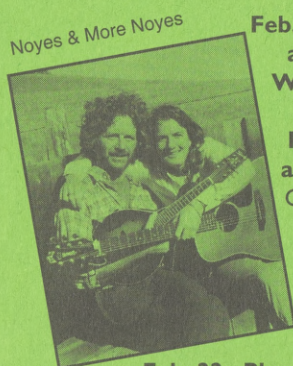
2 VIDEO BENEFIT
BAY AREA PREMIERE
Even If A Hundred Ogres
Sami (Lapp, the indigenous people from Northern Scandinavia) Theatre in the Round production from the 1994 Lillehammer Olympics, narrated by Joanne Woodward; slide show of the Sami Village at the Olympics and *joiking* (Sami chanting. Benefit for Báki, the North American Sami Journal.
6pm \$10*

9 BICYCLE FRIENDLY
BERKELEY FILM FESTIVAL
A diverse collection of bicycle oriented videos including 7pm screening of *Velourion!*, Cuba's pedal powered revolution in response to the loss of Soviet oil. *Taken For a Ride*, the story of the auto/oil industry campaign to dismantle public transit, *Bill's Bike*, a hilarious silent bike safety film and much more. Call 704-5599 for more information.
3pm-8pm \$5*

16 Groovin on a Sunday
Afternoon
3-5pm \$5 donation
Natica Angilly's Poetic Dance
Theater Company
& Dances with Words.
Open Mic to Follow
3-5pm donation

23 FORUM
Reaching Youth of Color
in the Public Schools
A community discussion on the education crises - cutbacks, curriculum, and "ebonics" controversy. Moderated by Pedro Noguera.
2-5pm voluntary donation

La Peña Children's Programs
Feb 1: **Half and Half**, all native ASL signers presenting songs and stories in sign language.



Feb. 8: **Linda Zittel and the Magic Window Puppets**

Feb. 15: **Noyes and More Noyes.**
Old time music on banjo, guitar, mandolin with Ingrid and Ernie Noyes.

Feb. 22: **Plum City Players**, featuring Bonnie, Annie, and Nancy

Programs start at 10:30am
\$3 adults \$2 children

17 Our offices will be closed today.

Volunteer at La Peña
Volunteers participate in many facets of La Peña. We rely on volunteers to maintain our commitment to social justice through the arts. If you are interested in volunteering please attend a volunteer orientation meeting. Volunteer orientations are held every 2nd Wednesday from 6-7pm. The next orientation is: Wednesday, Feb. 12, 1997, 6-7pm. For more info. and to RSVP to the orientation please call Elena Serrano at 510-849-2568 ext. 11.

General and Ticket Information
For programs that indicate that advance tickets are available, you may purchase those tickets at our store, La Tienda, up to 5 pm on the day of the show. We now accept charges by phone. You may send a check and self-addressed stamped envelope to La Peña at least one and a half weeks before the show and we'll send you the tickets.
Seating is open, so come early for a good seat. During concerts, we ask that you not leave or enter the hall while the performance is in progress. Parking may be difficult during some performances. Please do not block driveways or park in blue zones. As in any urban area, please hide all valuables and be alert to your surroundings.

5 OPEN MIC POETRY
Hosted by Blake Tolbert.
Featured readers
Toussaint, Kelé, Robert Jackson, & Marcel
Spoken Word and congas
7:30pm \$2 donation

12 OPEN MIC POETRY
Special guest host
Aya de Leon presents an evening of poetry, prose and original song celebrating Valentine's Day
7:30pm \$2 donation

19 CAFE POETRY
Poetry Writing Workshop
Facilitated by Nina Serrano and Diane Wang
Theme: Chinese New Year and poems celebrating faith and courage.
7pm \$2 donation
Dancing, Poetry, & Hip Hop Extravaganza
Richard Moore, Naru Kwima, and International Black Writers & Artists present Chocolate Paradise. The 6th Annual Pisces/Aquarius Birthday Bash and Black History Month Celebration.
7pm \$5*

26 OPEN MIC POETRY
Hosted by Richard Moore
Theme: wordplay, Ebonics, cultural assimilation and jazzing up the English language
7:30pm \$2 donation

6 BENEFIT CONCERT
Floyd Westerman, All Nations Singers, COR & others
A benefit concert for the S.F. International Indian Treaty Council in honor of those who have struggled before and since Wounded Knee 1973 and to political prisoners Leonard Peltier, Norma Jean Croy, Bear Lincoln, and Geronimo Ji Jaga (Pratt). Call 415-512-1501.
7pm \$10*

13 CONCERT
Dr. Loco's Amorindio
Blending the traditional with the contemporary, Dr. Loco's Amorindio is dedicated to playing Mexican songs of love and liberation. Joining Dr. Loco are John Carlos Perela on bass, Ralph Herrera on percussion and vocals, Francisco Herrera on lead vocals and guitar.
8pm \$7 gen. \$5 students

20 SLIDE PRESENTATION
Women in Power
Max Dashu presents an international feast of leaders, founders, culture-makers, builders, farmers; holy women, healers, writers, rebels and freedom fighters, ancient and modern. From the Suppressed Histories Slide Series.
7:30pm \$5-10

27 Cafe Vox Populi is open for dinner starting at 5:30pm
La Tienda at La Peña
Gifts, handicrafts, recordings, books in Spanish, calendars and much more.
Open from 12-8pm

7 BENEFIT CONCERT
Rebecca Riots
Rebecca Riots is a trio comprised of Eve Decker, Andrea Prichett and Lisa Zelier. They perform radical acoustic folk music featuring socially relevant original songs with intense vocals and guitars. A benefit for Take Back the Night.
8pm \$6-15*

14 VALENTINE'S DAY CONCERT
Faye Carol & Kito Gamble Sextet
An evening of blues, jazz, Latin, and original music with the Bay Area's premiere vocalist accompanied by Kito Gamble's sensational sextet.
8:30pm \$12
Advance tickets available at La Tienda. Special price for couples - \$20, only available in advance at La Tienda

21 BAILE
Direct from New York
Manny Oquendo & Conjunto Libre
West Coast CD Release Party for *Muevete* - On the Move with Afro-Cuban, Puerto Rican & Latin Manhattan music.
2 Separate Shows
8:30pm \$16 • 11pm \$16 (adv. tickets at La Tienda)

28 CONCERT/DANCE
Amandla Poets
A blend of South African rhythms, funky new jack swing, and African-style reggae. With lyrics in Xhosa, Zulu, and English, the songs of Amandla Poets are good for listening as well as for dancing.
9pm \$8

8 CHILDREN'S PROGRAM
10:30AM
Spirit-Powered Activism Workshop 1pm (see back of calendar for details)

HIP HOP PARTY/DANCE
"Saturday Night Special"
A night of true hip hop music and culture. Turntables by TyMANI. Performances by Full Deck and Rising Sun Prod.
9pm \$5

15 CHILDREN'S PROGRAM
10:30AM
CONCERT
Claudia Gomez Quintet
Known for its varied and rich musical traditions, Colombia's music originates in the Pacific and Atlantic coasts. *Cumbia, porros, cantos de boga, currulaos, bambucos* with a touch of jazz. Claudia is backed up by Jeff Buenz, Paul Contos, Michael Spiro and David Belove. 8:30pm \$10 in adv. \$12 at the door. tickets available at La Tienda

22 CHILDREN'S PROGRAM
10:30AM
DANCE/BAILE
Shango Mantra
Plays an innovative mix of Spanglish Funk, rock, and salsa.
9:30pm \$7

La Peña gratefully acknowledges funding support for our programs from the following: Alameda County Arts Commission; Berkeley Civic Arts Commission; California Arts Council, a state agency; East Bay Community Fund, Fleishacker Foundation, James Irvine Foundation; LEF Foundation; National Endowment for the Arts, a Federal agency that supports the visual, literary and performing arts to benefit all Americans; Target, Vanguard Public Foundation; and Zellerbach Family Fund.

La Tienda

at La Peña, a not for profit community store



NEW ARRIVALS: *Anything But Mexican*, Rodolfo Acuña; *Latinas: Women of Achievement*; *Parrot in the Oven*, Victor Martinez; *Eulogies*, Amiri Baraka, *AFROCUBA*, An anthology of Cuban writing on race, politics, and culture, edited by Pedro Perez Sarduy and Jean Stubbs; *Guerrilla Warfare*, Ché Guevara; *Norton Anthology of African American Literature*; *Loverboys*, by Ana Castillo

CHILDREN'S BOOKS: *En mi familia* (In My Family) by Carmen Lomas Garza and *Going Back Home: An Artist Returns to the South*.

RECORDINGS by Los Van Van, *Ay Dios Ampárame Lo último en vivo*, Azucar, new release of *Pachanga* by Los Compas, and Manny Oquendo and Libre - *Muevete - On The Move*.

We also carry the Black Scholar Quarterly Journal. Let us help you find and order books.

Friday FEB. 21, Direct from New York



Manny Oquendo & Conjunto Libre

Conjunto Libre is known for its relentlessly inventive compositions and arrangements rooted in Afro-Cuban and Puerto Rican folklore, progressive salsa and Latin jazz. Manny Oquendo is a living link to the mambo era of the Fifties and is a virtuoso percussionist.

We will be celebrating the release of their new CD, *Muevete - On the Move*. Recorded Live at Bimbo's last May.

Two Separate Shows 8:30pm and 11pm • \$16. DJ Party in Cafe too!

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

Dr. Loco's Rockn' Jalapeño Band

Sat. Feb. 1 9:30pm

Dance to cumbias, salsa, and more.

Dr. Loco's Amorindio

Thur. Feb. 13 • 8pm
José "Dr. Loco" Cuellar's new electro-acoustic quartet explores the rich diversity of Mexican traditional music. With John Carlos Perela, Francisco Herrera, and Ralph Herrera.



Photo: Eugenio Castro

Claudia Gómez



Sat. Feb. 15 • 8:30pm

Colombian singer-guitarist brings her rich alto voice to La Peña. She is backed up by some of the finest musicians in the Bay Area: guitarist Jeff Buenz, bassist David Belove, percussionist Michael Spiro, flautist and saxophonist Paul Contos.

Faye Carol & the Kito Gamble Sextet

Valentine's Day • Fri. Feb. 14 8:30pm

"Faye Carol is clearly the Bay Area's most versatile and creative female vocal stylist. She chooses her songs with great care, respects their content, arranges them imaginatively, then applies her husky alto voice to them with dramatic flair and keen musical invention." "Like her mom, Kito Gamble is a true musical original, thoroughly modern yet firmly grounded in the blues."

— Lee Hildebrand, *Express* music critic

"No singer on the Bay Area club scene comes close to Carol's sheer intensity—she doesn't just sell a song, she sells her soul for that song to her audience."

— Phillip Elwood, *Examiner* music critic



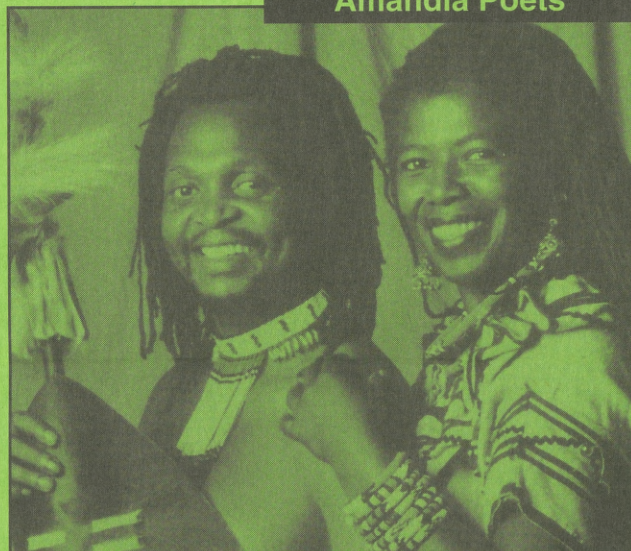
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Shango Mantra

Sat. Feb. 22 • 9:30pm

Shango Mantra fuses the Afro-Caribbean rhythms of salsa, merengue and cumbia in a funk, jazz and rock context. The septet is led by singer, saxophonist and multi-instrumentalist Martin Franco with Joel Lunzaga on guitar, Fernando Zavaleta on congas, Rick Campbell on timbales, Rusty Gunn on keyboards, Narottama on bass and Damien Barnoff on drums.

Amandla Poets



Fri. Feb. 28 • 9pm

Amandla Poets combine reggae, South African *mbaqanga* and American rhythm and blues. Co-songwriter and arranger Elouise Burrell has recorded and performed with groups such as the Neville Brothers, The Looters, and Buddy Miles. Dumile Vokwana is a South African poet and actor and has recorded African folk tales.

Support La Peña's Winter Fundraising Drive!

Since 1975, La Peña has celebrated the diverse cultures that make up the Americas. La Peña offers a variety of cultural programs, free classes, and arts in the schools, and remains firmly committed to presenting programs that address the issues of racism, social and economic inequities, the environment, gender and sexuality, and other important issues that impact our communities. If you value our contribution to the cultural and political life in the Bay Area, please consider making a tax-deductible contribution.

☐ Yes, I want to help support La Peña's cultural activism for Social Justice! Enclosed is my tax-deductible donation.

☐ \$1000 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$30 ☐ \$_____

☐ Please charge my gift to my VISA / MASTERCARD (circle one)

Account# _____ Exp. Date _____ Signature _____

☐ I would like to become a La Peña bill-of-the-month supporter.

Enclosed is my first monthly pledge of \$_____ (minimum monthly pledge \$5)

☐ Please send me the calendar for free for six months. ☐ I'm interested in volunteering. Please call me.

Name _____

Address _____

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Call Elena Serrano at 849-2568, ext.11 for information regarding electronic funds transfer, a painless way to make a monthly donation.

Since 1975, more than 500 community groups have used La Peña's facilities. The use of our space by these organizations does not mean that La Peña endorses the views presented. La Peña feels that it is important to help stimulate an environment conducive to discussion and understanding among different peoples and points of view.

LA PEÑA SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

La Peña is proud to offer free Latin American workshops sponsored by the California Arts Council Artist in Residence program and La Peña. Enrollment is limited and permission from the instructor is required. For more information, call (510) 849-2568 Ext. 16, M - F 12 - 5 pm. (TS = Theater Space, CR = Community Room behind La Tienda.

MONDAYS

South American Music Ensemble - Free
(6:00 - 9:00 pm, TS) Instructor: Rafael Manriquez
Open to singers, guitar, charango, quena, zampofia and other instrumentalists.

Beginning Afro-Venezuelan Percussion - Free
(6:00 - 7:30 pm, CR) Instructor: Jackeline Rago
Students must bring their own drums. Congas are welcome.

Intermediate Venezuelan Percussion - Free
(7:30 - 9:00 pm, CR) Instructor: Jackeline Rago

TUESDAYS

Beginning Venezuelan Cuatro - Free
(6:00 - 7:00 pm, CR) Instructor: Jackeline Rago

Latin American Ensemble - Free
(7:00 - 8:00 pm, CR) Instructor: Jackeline Rago
This class needs participants; flutes, guitars, bass, violin, voice and other instruments.

Intermediate Venezuelan Cuatro - Free
(8:00 - 9:00pm, CR) Instructor: Jackeline Rago

Latin American Chorus - Free.
(8:00 - 10:00 pm, TS) Director: Lichi Fuentes.

WEDNESDAYS

Beginning Latin American Guitar - Free
(6:00 - 7:00pm, CR) Instructor: Rafael Manriquez

Intermediate Latin American Guitar - Free
(7:00 - 8:00 pm, CR) Instructor: Rafael Manriquez

Advanced Latin American Guitar - Free -
(8:00 - 9:00 pm, CR) Instructor: Rafael Manriquez

EVERY THIRD WEDNESDAY

Poetry Writing Workshop - Nina Serrano and Diane Wang invite aspiring and established writers to participate in this open workshop/reading every third Wednesday. Workshop begins at 7pm- \$2 donation.

THURSDAYS

Beginning Afro-Cuban Rhythms
(5:30-7:30pm, CR) Instructor Guillermo Céspedes, \$25/4 or \$7 for 1 class

NEW CLASS—ADVANCED A CAPELLA PERFORMANCE ENSEMBLE
(7:45-9:45, CR) Auditions necessary. Call 849-2568 ext. 16.

SATURDAYS

Please note: New Time—A capella Singing, (10am-12noon, CR)
Instructor Joey Blake, FREE

A capella Ensemble Workshop (12noon - 2pm, CR)

SOUTH BERKELEY YOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

Led by La Peña artist-in-residence Joey Blake. For youth ages 10-16 years old. Mon., Wed., and Fri. 4pm-5:30pm. McGee Ave. Baptist Church, 1640 Stuart St. (at McGee) No cost to Berkeley residents. Call Phil Cotton at Young Adult Project at 644-6226 for more info.

FREE VISUAL ART CLASSES AT SAN ANTONIO PARK IN OAKLAND

Taller Sin Fronteras offers free painting classes with Mexican artist Jesus Pérez. For more information call Greg Morozumi at La Peña, 849-2568 ext. 13.

SATURDAY FEB. 8 • SPIRIT-POWERED ACTIVISM WORKSHOP

A workshop facilitated by Yehnana Deborah Cotton, spiritual counselor and former union organizer. This workshop is designed to assist community organizers and activists in developing tools and strategies for spiritual healing, empowerment, and transformation in our personal lives and our social causes. 1-5pm \$10-25 sliding scale*

The La Peña staff and volunteers
are deeply saddened by the tragic loss of
cultural and community activist
DAVID NADEL
1946-1996



- ♦ **REGULAR WEEKDAY CLASSES —\$115/month**
Twice a week for 1 1/2 hrs., mornings and evenings
- ♦ **REGULAR SATURDAY CLASSES — \$75/month**
Two hours every Saturday
- ♦ **INTENSIVE CLASSES — \$300/month - \$125/week**
3-5 days, 3 hrs./day, 9 - 12 noon or 5:30 - 8:30 pm
- ♦ **SPECIAL CLASSES — \$75/month**
Social Work-Health & Writing-Literature. Tues. & Wed. 7-9 pm
- ♦ **WEEKEND WORKSHOPS — \$90/weekend**
10 hrs., Saturday & Sunday 10-2 pm
- ♦ **TRANSLATION & INTERPRETATION**
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- ♦ **THE LEARNING TRAIL, FALL/WINTER TOUR**
Learn-travel "La Ruta Maya" Chiapas, Guatemala, Belize & Yucatán
- ♦ **GIFT CERTIFICATES**
2 days/week, 1.5 hrs./class, a \$60 Value for only \$30!!
- ♦ **SPANISH TUTORING — \$23 for 1 hr. or \$30 for 1 1/2 hrs.**

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